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State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine 137 SHS, 161 Capitol Street **Augusta, Maine 04333-0137** Minutes of October 13, 2015

Board Members Present

Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D., Board Chairman David D. Jones, M.D., Board Secretary Louisa Barnhart, M.D. David H. Dumont, M.D. David Nyberg, Ph.D. Christopher R. Ross, P.A.-C Peter J. Sacchetti, M.D. Lynne M. Weinstein

Board Staff Present

Dennis E. Smith. Executive Director Timothy E. Terranova, Assistant Executive Director Julie A. Best, Consumer Outreach Specialist Kathryn Levesque, Investigator Maureen S. Lathrop, Administrative Assistant

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General Detective James Gioia

Mr. Perkins was in attendance during the Adjudicatory Hearing.

The Board met in public session, with the exception of the times listed below, which were held in executive session. Executive sessions are held to consider matters which, under statute, are confidential (1 M.R.S. §405, 405(4), 405(6)(E); 10 M.R.S. §8003-B; 22 M.R.S. §1711-C; and 24 M.R.S. §2510). The Board moved, seconded, and voted the following executive session times. During the public session of the meeting, actions were taken on all matters discussed during executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

PURPOSE

11:12 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.	Informal Conference
5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Discussion of personnel issues

RECESSES

10:56 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Break
11:37 a.m. – 11:42 a.m.	Break
12:16 p.m. – 12:39 p.m.	Lunch
3:15 p.m. – 3:23 p.m.	Break

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gleaton called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

- Α. **Amendments to Agenda (none)**
- В. **Scheduled Agenda Items**
 - 1. 11:00 a.m. Informal Conference CR14-84
 - 2. 1:00 p.m. Adjudicatory Hearing CR14-194 Carl T. Folkemer, M.D.

II. Complaints

1. CR13-33 Malathy Sundaram, M.D.

Dr. Jones moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A former patient filed a complaint regarding her diagnosis and treatment for Lyme disease. Further investigation of the overall treatment of the patient revealed several areas of concern regarding the physician's informed consent process, medical record documentation, and prescribing practices. During the Board's investigation, the physician attended informal conferences, obtained an independent on-site peer review evaluation, engaged a Board approved mentor to assist her with her medical practice, incorporated recommendations made by the Board, mentor, and evaluator, and attended courses on pharmacology and controlled substances prescribing.

The letter of guidance will advise the physician that the Board expects she will maintain and follow recommended practice changes that have been implemented, including but not limited to: 1) maintaining her awareness of and compliance with universal precautions for controlled substances prescribing; 2) limiting opiate prescribing to less than two weeks except for end of life patients or nursing home patients; 3) limiting benzodiazepine prescribing to less than three months except for end of life patients or nursing home patients; 4) limiting stimulant prescribing to less than three months; 5) limiting sedative hypnotic prescribing to less than one month; 6) recognizing that prescribing benzodiazepines or stimulants longer than three months is acceptable only in rare cases if there is ongoing care from an away specialist who recommends continued treatment including dosages in routine follow-up notes; and 7) continuing to obtain continuing medical education in pharmacology and prescribing practices.

2. CR13-66

Dr. Jones moved to investigate further. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. CR14-45

Dr. Jones moved to set the matter for an Adjudicatory Hearing and authorize AAG Miller to negotiate a Consent Agreement for a non-clinical license. Dr. Sacchetti seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. CR14-125

Dr. Barnhart moved to investigate further. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. CR14-193 Paul H. Langenkamp, M.D.

Dr. Nyberg moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Sacchetti seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A hospital reported that the physician resigned while a patient complaint was under investigation alleging that he was abusive and unprofessional. During the Board's investigation, the physician demonstrated insight and described changes that he has made to be more professional and effective when dealing with a patient he believes may be drug seeking or dishonest.

The letter of guidance will encourage the physician to: 1) recognize the importance of empathetic communication with patients; 2) recognize that comprehending a patient's frustration or anger can assist in the de-escalation of challenging patient interactions; 3) continue availing himself of appropriate education and/or counseling regarding improved communication with patients; 4) recognize the importance of maintaining a professional demeanor; and 5) maintain high standards of professional cooperation and collegiality.

6. CR15-45

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The complainant alleges that the physician assistant providing care, pursuant to a workers compensation claim, failed to appropriately address her pain issue, spoke with her harshly or made her feel belittled, inappropriately documented patient noncompliance, and made her wait for long periods at appointments. Following review, there is insufficient evidence of violation of a Board statute or rule.

7. CR15-50 Marjorie B. Snyder, M.D.

Dr. Sacchetti moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-1-0 with Dr. Barnhart abstaining.

MOTION: A hospital reported that the physician was placed in review status based on concerns regarding controlled substance prescribing and boundary issues at her practice. During the Board's investigation, the physician admitted making errors, and has addressed each issue in a manner that should assist her in avoiding similar concerns in the future.

The letter of guidance will encourage the physician to: 1) recognize the importance of documenting all patient encounters; 2) ensure that she communicates with all medical providers involved in the patient's care; 3) be mindful of institutional protocols when developing care plans for patients; and 4) be mindful of boundary issues when treating people with whom she has a relationship beyond that of physician and patient. In cases where boundary questions arise, she should consult the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics for guidance.

8. CR15-57

Dr. Sacchetti moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A patient complains that the surgery performed by her gynecologist did not improve her condition and that the operation should have been done differently. The gynecologist explained why the operation was carried out the way it was. The medical record shows that the physician paid careful attention when obtaining informed consent, that the surgery itself was straightforward and uncomplicated, and that subsequent management was appropriate.

9. CR15-64

Dr. Gleaton moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A patient complains about the medical care she received from her ophthalmologist, who treated her for approximately nine years. It is clear from reviewing the medical record that the patient does not fully understand her eye conditions and their full implications, despite seeing three other ophthalmologists. It is also clear that she is having more difficultly seeing due to cataracts and is anxious about surgical treatment, leading her to seek the opinion of yet a fourth ophthalmologist. Careful review of the record reveals reasonable evaluation, diagnosis and treatment. The patient has comorbidities that can make surgical intervention slightly more complicated; however, these can be and are dealt with routinely through planning and surgical experience

10. CR15-75

Dr. Barnhart moved to set the matter for an Informal Conference. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. CR15-76

Dr. Barnhart moved to dismiss the complaint and request that representatives from the institution meet with the Board to discuss policy issues. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient complains that the physician in the institution where he resides refused the medical intervention, testing and referrals he requested. The physician explained that the patient did not meet diagnostic criteria for such intervention, testing or referrals.

12. CR15-91

Dr. Sacchetti moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient claims that the physician provided an inadequate diagnostic work up and ineffective treatment for a painful condition. The medical record does not support this assertion.

13. CR14-204

Dr. Barnhart moved to set the matter for an Adjudicatory Hearing and to preliminarily deny the physician's license renewal application. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

14. CR15-34

Mr. Ross moved to set the matter for an Informal Conference. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

15. CR15-38

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient's daughter alleges the physician who discharged her mother to a nursing home for hospice care did so without her authorization as agent under a health care power of attorney and that the physician withheld information. The patient's other children were also agents under the health care power of attorney. In addition, the patient had a court appointed guardian and conservator. Review of relevant records indicates appropriate communication and care. There is insufficient evidence of violation of a Board statute or rule.

16. CR15-69 Joseph Taddeo, M.D.

Dr. Nyberg moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A hospital reported that the physician's clinical privileges were summarily suspended based on allegations that he threatened the physical safety of two staff members. Following an investigation by the hospital, his employment was terminated. During the Board's investigation, the physician conceded that he called his superior to complain angrily, but stated that he had no recollection of the comment in question. Following the incident, he engaged in counseling, took a course on professionalism, and underwent an evaluation.

The letter of guidance will encourage the physician to: 1) continue availing himself of appropriate education and/or counseling regarding improved communication; 2) recognize the importance of maintaining a professional demeanor; and 3) maintain high standards of professional cooperation and collegiality.

17. CR15-74

Dr. Sacchetti moved to investigate further. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

18. CR15-77

Dr. Jones moved to investigate further. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed 6-0-0-2. Dr. Barnhart and Dr. Dumont were recused from this matter and left the room.

19. CR15-78

Dr. Dumont moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A patient complains about the treatment he received from an emergency room physician. Review of the medical record, including photographs, reveals appropriate care and repair of a thumb laceration.

20. CR15-80

Dr. Barnhart moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Sacchetti seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient alleges that the amount charged for a second opinion evaluation of a breast mammogram and ultrasound was inappropriate and that she was also charged a facility fee that she was not told about. Following review, there is insufficient evidence of violation of a Board statute or rule.

21. CR15-87

Dr. Dumont moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Sacchetti seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient complains that his physician discontinued his pain medication. The physician explained that he discontinued the prescription because the patient failed a urine drug screen and refused to comply with a required pill count. The physician offered to help the patient find counseling and continue treating him, but the offer was refused.

22. CR15-92

Dr. Dumont moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed 6-0-0-2. Dr. Barnhart and Dr. Gleaton were recused from this matter and left the room.

MOTION: A mother complains about the treatment her toddler received from a specialist during a physical exam. The physician explains his actions and the difficulties

in examining children of this age. His explanation is valid and his actions were appropriate. There is no evidence of violation of a Board statute or rule.

23. CR15-94

Dr. Jones moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0-1. Dr. Dumont was recused from this matter and left the room.

MOTION: The patient complains that her physician violated her privacy by calling the MDEA to inquire about her after he received information alleging that she might be selling the drugs he prescribed for her. The patient also complains about her medical record, which she describes as exaggerated and inaccurate. The physician responded that he made the call on the advice of a senior physician in his practice and the narcotics policy group of his hospital. He did not divulge any medical information about the patient. The physician stands by the factual content of the medical record.

24. CR15-98

Dr. Nyberg moved to investigate further. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0-1. Dr. Dumont was recused from this matter and left the room.

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III. Assessment and Direction

27. AD15-109

Dr. Jones moved to table the issue pending further investigation. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

28. AD15-125

Dr. Jones moved to issue a complaint (CR15-146). Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

29. AD15-126

Dr. Barnhart moved to issue a complaint (CR15-147). Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0-1. Dr. Jones was recused from this matter and left the room.

30. AD15-134

Dr. Jones moved to issue a complaint (CR15-148). Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

31. Intentionally left blank

32. Pending Adjudicatory Hearings and Informal Conferences Report

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

33. Consumer Outreach Specialist Feedback

The Consumer Outreach Specialist provided feedback from a complainant. No Board action was required.

34. Physician Feedback (none)

IV. Informal Conference CR14-84

At the conclusion of the Informal Conference, Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0-1. Dr. Dumont was recused from this matter and left the room.

MOTION: The Board initiated this complaint following information provided by a pharmacist who was concerned about the licensee's prescribing of controlled substances. Initial review of a number of patient records resulted in the Board requesting that the licensee obtain additional continuing medical education regarding prescribing of controlled substances. Following completion of the continuing medical education courses, the Board met with the licensee, who explained what he learned in the courses and how he has integrated this knowledge into his practice.

V. Minutes for Approval

Dr. Dumont moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting as amended. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-1-0 with Dr. Barnhart abstaining.

VI. Board Orders & Consent Agreement Monitoring and Approval

- A. Board Orders (none)
- B. Consent Agreement Monitoring and Approval (none)

VII. Adjudicatory Hearing CR14-194 Carl T. Folkemer, M.D.

The Board scheduled this hearing to hear evidence regarding Dr. Folkemer's application to renew his Maine medical license. The Board also considered the following issues: 1) whether Dr. Folkemer engaged in the practice of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in attempting to obtain a full and unrestricted Maine medical license; 2) whether Dr. Folkemer engaged in behavior that constitutes incompetence; 3) whether Dr. Folkemer engaged in unprofessional conduct; and 4) the conduct which led to the revocation of Dr. Folkemer's medical license in the state of Maryland which, if committed in this state, would constitute grounds for discipline.

Dr. Folkemer appeared for the hearing unrepresented by legal counsel. Robert Perkins, AAG presented the state's case. Rebekah J. Smith, Esq. served as Presiding Officer.

The State and the Respondent presented their cases and the Board heard witness testimony. After deliberation by the Board, the following motions were made:

Dr. Jones moved that the preponderance of evidence did show that the licensee engaged in fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in attempting to obtain a full and unrestricted Maine medical license. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dumont moved that the preponderance of evidence did show that the licensee engaged in behavior that constitutes incompetence. The motion passed 7-1.

Dr. Jones moved that the preponderance of evidence did show that the licensee engaged in behavior that constitutes unprofessional conduct. Dr. Dumont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Barnhart moved that the preponderance of evidence did show that the licensee engaged in the conduct which led to the revocation of his medical license in the state of Maryland and such conduct, if committed in the state of Maine, constitutes grounds for discipline. Dr. Sacchetti seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Jones moved to deny Dr. Folkemer's application to renew his Maine medical license. Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A Board Order will be issued by Presiding Officer Rebekah J. Smith, Esq. and be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

VIII. Remarks of Chairman

A. 2016 Board Meeting Dates

This information was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

IX. Remarks of Executive Director

A. SAMHSA Opioid Conference

Mr. Smith discussed information regarding opioid prescribing presented at a recent SAMHSA conference. A link to the material has been added to the Board's website.

B. New CDC Rule Regarding Opioid Prescribing

Mr. Smith discussed a rule proposed by the CDC regarding opioid prescribing.

C. Diversion Alert Program

Mr. Smith presented information regarding the Diversion Alert Program. A link with information about this program has been added to the Board's website.

D. PMP Advisory Committee Meeting

Mr. Smith discussed information presented during a recent PMP Advisory Committee meeting.

E. Joint Chapter 2 Rule Update

Mr. Smith provided an update on the status of joint rulemaking with the Board of Osteopathic Licensure.

F. MEAPA Conference

Mr. Smith reported that he will attend the MEAPA conference in February of 2016 and will make a presentation regarding the rulemaking process and the status of the Chapter 2 rule.

X. Assistant Executive Director's Monthly Report

Mr. Terranova provided an update regarding ongoing staff projects and recruitment efforts to fill two vacant staff positions at the Board's office.

A. Complaint Status Report

As of October 1, 2015 there are seventy-seven complaints outstanding. One hundred ten complaints have been received year-to-date and one hundred sixteen have been closed so far this year.

B. Licensure Feedback

This information was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

C. Public Availability of Information Regarding Deceased Licensees

The Board discussed whether information regarding deceased licensees should continue to be provided on the public physician search database (ALMS). After discussion, Dr. Jones moved to remove information regarding deceased licensees from the public physician search database (ALMS). The information will be available upon request to the Board. Dr. Barnhart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. Medical Director's Report (none)

XII. Remarks of Assistant Attorney General (none)

XIII. Secretary's Report

A. Licenses Issued

1. M.D. Licenses Issued

The following license applications have been approved by Board Secretary, David D. Jones, M.D. without reservation.

<u>NAME</u>	SPECIALTY	LOCATION
Amory, Lucy M.	Pediatrics	Portland
Barry, Thomas B.	Emergency Medicine	Biddeford
Bawa, Rashmi	General Surgery	Rural Areas
Beer, Robert M.	Orthopedic Surgery	Lewiston
Brocks, Rebecca A.	General Surgery	not specified
Butterly, Arielle D.	Anesthesiology	Portland
Casta, Annie L.	Family Medicine	York
Chhabra, Ravi	Internal Medicine	Locums
Cooper, Saskia G.	Internal Medicine	not specified
Cunningham-Farbstein, Jennifer	Internal Medicine	Lewiston
Em, Makkalon	Surgery/A&C Pathology	Caribou
Francis, Sanjeev A.	Cardiovascular Disease	Portland
Hollander, Susan	Psychiatry & Neurology	Telemedicine
Igari, Yuki	Gastroenterology	Augusta
Jimeno, Angela Victoria	Pediatrics	Portland
Kim, Reeo	Emergency Medicine	Lewiston
Klinkenborg, John C.	Family Practice	Brunswick
Laccheo, Ikuko	Psychiatry & Neurology	Biotronic Neuro
		Network
Lauria, Michele R.	OB/GYN	Brewer
Light-McGroary, Kellyann	Internal Medicine	Portland
Lipsett, Annabelle	Internal Medicine	Houlton
Maze-Rothstein, Galen	Neurology	Telemedicine
McCorvey, Scott C.	Emergency Medicine	Augusta
Miller, Maurice M.	Diagnostic Radiology	not specified
Nelson, Rosalynn F.	Psychiatry/Neurology	Telemedicine
Quirk, Ninu A.	Family Practice	Livermore Falls
Recker, Matthew D.	Radiology	Lewiston
Szylvian, Chadwick J.	Family Medicine	Bangor
Tracey, Robert W.	Orthopedic Surgery	Lewiston

2. P.A. Licenses Issued

The following physician assistant license applications have been approved by Board Secretary, David D. Jones, M.D. without reservation.

<u>NAME</u>	LICENSE	<u>PSP</u>	LOCATION
Davis, Timothy	Active	Tinguely, Gerald	Farmington
Lowe, Tori Hall	Inactive	none	none
Rosa, Sara	Inactive	none	none
Smith, Brittany	Inactive	none	none
Tessier, Tzafra	Active	Nesin, Noah	Bangor
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B. Applications for Individual Consideration

1. Siiri Bennett, M.D.

The Licensure Committee moved to invite Dr. Bennett to an interview with a subcommittee of the Board. The committee also moved to authorize the Board Secretary to issue Dr. Bennett's license pending positive recommendation from the subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Applications for Reinstatement

1. Applications for Reinstatement

The following license reinstatement applications have been approved by Board Secretary, David D. Jones, M.D. without reservation.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPECIALTY</u>	LOCATION
Martin, Ronald F.	General Surgery	York
Stohrer, Anne E.	OB/GYN	not specified

2. Applications for Reinstatement for Individual Consideration (none)

D. Withdrawals

1. Withdraw License Application (none)

2. Withdraw License from Registration

Dr. Dumont moved to approve the following licensees' requests to withdraw from registration. Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NAME	LICENSE NUMBER
Baxter, Jeffrey D.	MD19764
Fay, Linda	MD13667
Kalghatgi, Suhas V.	MD14167
Melendez, Jorge A.	MD19588
Morris, Charles E.	MD16634
Northrup, Christiane L.	MD9670
Pace, Timothy W.	PA1385
Pezzuti, Roger T.	MD7895
Schoolwerth, Anton C.	MD19296
Shridharani, Mahavir	MD19058
Theiler, Regan N.	MD18899

3. Withdraw License from Registration – Individual Consideration (none)

E. Licenses to Lapse by Operation of Law

The following licenses lapsed by operation of law effective September 15, 2015.

NAME	LICENSE NUMBER
Baker, Roland	MD12486
Buckley, Howard	MD15073
Clunis, Derrick	MD19861
Dixon, Robert	MD6933
Doty, David	MD17288
Elsner, Momen	MD13957
Gada, Alaine	MD20067
Garland, Thomas	MD8490
Howell, George	MD14879
Hug, George	MD5354
Ijaz, Ambreen	MD18699
Kim, June	MD19751
Moore, Sarah	MD8948
Newton, Norris	MD18851
Pearson, Adam	MD19830
Pryce, Michael	MD20194
Rand, William	MD19553
Reiniger, Joanne	PA1147
Rosenblatt, Harold	MD17432
Schneider, Donald	MD17363
Thaker, Kiran	PA1353
Yanco-Brandt, Joann	PA153
Zobell, Brittany	PA1237

F. Licensees Requesting to Convert to Active Status (none)

G. Renewal Applications for Review

1. Robert S. LaMorgese, M.D.

The Licensure Committee moved to table the application. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Tracy L. Jalbuena, M.D.

The Licensure Committee moved to authorize the Board Secretary to renew Dr. Jalbuena's license pending receipt of a letter from her treating physician affirming her fitness to practice. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Physician Assistant Schedule II Authority Requests

1. Applications to Renew Schedule II Authority

The following renewal requests for Schedule II prescribing authority have been approved by Board Secretary, David D. Jones, M.D. without reservation.

NAME	<u>PSP</u>	LOCATION
Albright, Brent	Johnson, David	Biddeford
Bouget, Lindsey	Flynn, Carl	Caribou
Brown, Rebecca	Thompson, Melanie	Waterville
Canham, Timothy	Nesin, Noah	Bangor
Davies, Cynthia	Bloch, Rebecca	Portland
Evans, Paul	Babikian, George	Falmouth
Harvey, Jennifer	Craig, Alexandra	Bangor
Heath, Robert	Krevans, Julius Jr.	Bar Harbor
Landry, Antonio	Glass, Linda	Lewiston
Lawler, Heather	Cushing, Brad	Portland
Pinkham, Bethany	Abrams, Robert	Lubec
Schmeling, Brad	Sullivan, Michael	Fort Kent
Semmel, Eric	Webb, Timothy	Waterville
Stepp, Shawn	Faller, Alicia	Lewiston
Umbriaco, Samuel	Teufel, Edward	Scarborough
White, Rebecca	Cushing, Brad	Portland
Witham, Lena	Keebler, Peter	Bangor

2. Applications for New Schedule II Authority

The following new requests for Schedule II prescribing authority have been approved by Board Secretary, David D. Jones, M.D. without reservation.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PSP</u>	LOCATION
Attia, Valerie	Dickey, Ian	Bangor
Campbell, Barry	St. Pierre-Engels, Carole	Presque Isle
Fourre, Kaitlyn	O'Donnell, Sean	Damariscotta
Gagnon, Jeffrey	Gibbs, Simon	Waterville
Green, Dana	Caine, Brian	Bar Harbor
Grygiel, Kate	Reilly, James	Lewiston
Guilbeault, Matthew	Wolf, Bryce	Portland
Mooradian, Mark	Wolf, Bryce	Portland
Neally, Amelia	Craig, Alexandra	Bangor
Nelson, Christopher	Prokopius, Ronald	Blue Hill
Pelletier, Darren	Thompson, Stephen	Bangor
Simpson, Anthony	Wolf, Bryce	Portland
Smith, Garrett	Ruth, William	South Portland
Tessier, Tzafra	Nesin, Noah	Bangor

3. Physician Assistant Schedule II Authority Requests – Individual Consideration

1. James Grossman, P.A.-C

The Licensure Committee moved to table the application. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Rulemaking (none)

XV. Requests for Guidance

A. Use of PICO Laser by Medical Assistants

The Executive Director provided information regarding his recent conversation with a physician who wishes to delegate the use of PICO lasers to medical assistants in his office. The Board reviewed the Executive Director's response to the physician and had no additional comments.

XVI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Administration, Policy and Rules Committee

The committee met in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

B. Licensure and CME Committee

1. References

The Board discussed professional references provided with license applications. The Board will discuss this issue further at a future meeting.

2. Printing of Certificates

Staff discussed efforts to streamline the licensure process. The licensure database used by the Board has the capability to send license documents by e-mail, allowing the licensee to print their license or renewal certificate. Currently license documents are printed by Board staff and mailed to licensees. Dr. Jones moved to authorize Board staff to begin sending license documents by e-mail. Dr. Nyberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Mr. Ross reported that the PA Advisory Committee discussed the draft Chapter 2 rule at its recent meeting. Board staff advised that there are vacancies on the PA Advisory Committee and requested that Board members refer any interested parties to Board staff.

XVII. Board Correspondence (none)

XVIII. FSMB Material (none)

XIX. FYI

A. Inaugural Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission meeting

This information was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

B. Dana Dyer

This information was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

C. Legislative Update

This information was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

XX. Other Business (none)

XXI. Adjournment

Dr. Nyberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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